

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1901 without my signature.

I share the goal of this measure to protect agricultural employees from being forced to taste-test unwashed grapes. Existing law, including Labor Code statute and the standards adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, requires employers to provide employees with a safe and healthy workplace. Protecting employees from the effects of tasting or consuming grapes is covered under this mandate. As such, the key to ensuring workers are not forced to consume unwashed grapes is through strengthened enforcement of existing laws, not through the enactment of more laws. The Labor and Workforce Development Agency, which oversees Cal/OSHA and workplace health and safety standards, is committed to such enforcement.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger